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ABSTRACT

Intended primarily for librarians and media specialists, this book offers an in-depth analysis of alphabet books from their serious, religious beginnings to their "funny," instructive, and artistic present. The book lists 542 titles with short annotations, suggested activities, and essays on each type of book. Following an introduction, which gives a historical perspective on alphabet books and also discusses criteria and value, the chapters are: (2) First Encounters: Alphabet Books for Babies, Toddlers, and Preschoolers; (3) Animals and Alphabet Books; (4) Rhyme and Reason: Alphabet Books and Language; (5) Multiculturalism and Alphabet Books; (6) Story Alphabet Books; (7) Science, Technology, and the Alphabet; (8) Social Studies and Alphabet Books; (9) Puzzles, Games, and Riddles in Alphabet Books; (10) Art and Illustration in Alphabet Books; and (11) Pop Culture and Other ABC Adventures. Chapters contain bibliographies for most sections and suggested activities with reproducible sample forms. (CR)

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